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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached are 9 sheets of drawings to replace the drawings currently of record.

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-24, 26, 27, and 29- 36 are still pending. Claims 2, 5, 25, and 28 have been cancelled.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 5- 7, 28, and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. After this amendment, the independent claims are claims 1, 6, and 24. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations formerly recited in claims 2 and 5. Claim 6 is now presented in independent form and includes all of the limitations of former claims 1 and 2. Claim 24 has been amended to include the limitations formerly recited in claims 25 and 28.

Claims 7, 29, and 36 have been amended to respectively depend from claim 1 or claim 24. Each of claims 3, 4, 7 to 23, and 36 now depends directly or indirectly from claim 1, and each of claims 26, 27, and 30 to 35 now depends directly or indirectly from claim 24.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 24 have also been respectively amended to improve form.

In view of the above, it is believed that the current claims are in condition for allowance.

Nine (9) sheets of formal drawings have been submitted to replace the informal drawings on file, as requested by the Examiner. No substantive changes have been made to the drawings.

No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

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SUMMARY

From the foregoing, the Applicant believes that this paper fully addresses the objections and rejections made by the Examiner in the Final Office Action and that the subject application is in a condition ready for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests prompt issuance of a notice of allowability. However, should there remain any further impediments to the allowance of this application that might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number.

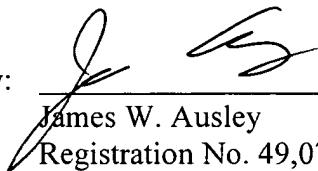
Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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